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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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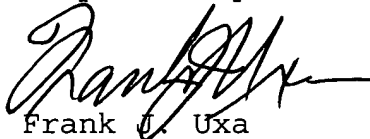
Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's communication mailed November 18, 2002 which included a restriction requirement. Restriction has been required between the Group I claims, that is claims 1 to 32, directed to coolant additive compositions and methods for producing coolant additive compositions; the Group II claims, that is claims 33 to 41, directed to additive assemblies including such additive compositions; and the Group III claims, that is claims 42 and 43, directed to methods of releasing an additive into a coolant involving contacting such additive composition with a coolant. Applicant provisionally elects the Group I claims, that is claims 1 to 32. However, applicant traverses the restriction requirement.

As noted above, each of the present claims, that is each of claims 1 to 43, involve coolant additive compositions or methods for making coolant additive compositions. The Group II claims involve additive assemblies including such additive compositions and the Group III claims involve methods of using such additive compositions. Since all of the present claims are thus closely related, applicant submits that the Patent and Trademark Office is placed under no undue additional burden in examining all of the present claims in the above- identified application. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Applicant requests fully and favorable action in the above- identified application.

Respectfully submitted,



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